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I would be glad to give you my opinion of the proposed settlement with Microsoft.

It is, by definition insane. Someone has said that repeatedly doing the same thing over and over and expecting a different result is insanity. Let us not forget that Microsoft is in court for violating their last consent decree. Do you really expect them to abide by this one.

The only reason they have agreed to this decree is that it is vague and flexible enough to allow them to do what they want while the lawyers argue about the details until reversing their actions would be harmful to the country.

If you think that the public (at least the computer literate ones) don't see this for exactly what it is, you are more arrogant or more uninformed than I thought.

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"Let us so endeavor so to live that when we come to die, even the undertaker will sorry."

Mark Twain